

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 5, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-7 stand rejected. Claims 8-20 are newly added in the Amendment filed October 2, 2007 in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2007. No additional fee is due for newly added Claims 8-20. No new matter has been added.

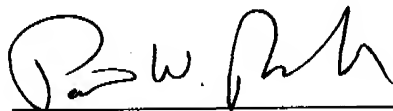
Applicant and the undersigned wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies he extended in a telephonic conversation with Melissa Glauber on January 3, 2008. The Examiner advised Applicant as to the preferred format for amending the Applicant's specification. The Examiner also indicated that the compliant amendments filed October 2, 2007 will be entered and the remarks filed October 2, 2007 will be considered. This amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

According to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment, the Amendment filed October 2, 2007, failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the Notice states that amendment to the Specification should be made by replacing paragraphs and including an instruction, which unambiguously identifies the location, to replace a paragraph with one or more paragraphs.

Therefore Applicant respectfully submits herewith replacement paragraphs and instructions that identify the locations to replace the paragraphs, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. More specifically, Applicant has amended paragraphs on page 1, a paragraph on page 2, and the Title to address the issues raised in the Office Action dated July 3, 2007. Applicant has also deleted paragraphs on page 1 to address the issues raised in the Office Action dated July 3, 2007.

In view of the amendments and remarks made in the Amendment filed October 2, 2007, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. W. Rasche', written over a horizontal line.

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